

## TOURS COUNTY IN HEALTH CRUSADE

Dr. Flannagan Works for Improved Sanitary Methods in Dinwiddie.

### GOOD RESULTS APPARENT

Many Colored Men Sign Petitions to Keep Homes in Better Condition.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 5 Hollingsbrook Street, Petersburg, Va., December 18. Dr. Roy H. Flannagan, of the State Health Department, is making a tour of Dinwiddie County this week in the interest of sanitation, following the same program he pursued in Chesterfield a few weeks ago. Professor J. M. Gandy, executive secretary of the Negro Organization Society, arranges the meetings of the colored people to hear the lectures of Dr. Flannagan on the betterment of health conditions in the homes, the schools and churches. In Chesterfield more than two hundred colored men signed pledges to improve sanitary conditions at their homes, and the same policy is being followed in Dinwiddie. These lectures and efforts are productive of much good.

**A Negro's Sudden Death.** Sandy Barlow, colored, aged about forty-five years, a resident of Grove Avenue, died very suddenly yesterday afternoon at the Petersburg Leather Factory in Blanford. He was taken ill while at work, and died before a physician could be gotten to him. Heart trouble was the cause of death.

**Narrow Escape of Boy.** Master David Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Cooper, on Union Street, had a narrow escape from serious injury yesterday. He was struck in the forehead by a ball from an air rifle, accidentally discharged by one of his playmates. The ball pierced the skin and imbedded itself in the bone, and had to be removed at the hospital. The little fellow is getting on all right.

**Power From Richmond.** Within a day or two the Virginia Railway and Power Company hopes to relieve the condition in Petersburg, caused by the recent break in the canal, by the transmission of a current over the high power line from Richmond. Until the break in the canal is repaired, the big powder plant by it cannot be operated. The steam plant in the city has furnished great relief, but not entire relief, which the added power from Richmond is expected to afford.

**Masons Elect Officers.** Powhatan Starke Lodge, A. F. & A. M., last night elected the following officers for the ensuing Masonic year: Worshipful master, J. N. Harrison; senior warden, I. A. Davenport; junior warden, W. G. Baird; senior deacon, S. A. Reinach; junior deacon, J. B. Prince; elder, Joseph Williams; chaplain, Rev. F. W. Moore and R. W. Wells; secretary, L. L. Kidd; treasurer, R. E. Gill.

**Died in Crewe.** Mrs. Alice M. McKenney, formerly of Petersburg, died at her home in



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Crewe Monday night, and the body was buried in Blanford Cemetery this afternoon. She was sixty-six years old, and is survived by two sons and three daughters—W. H. McKenney, of Norfolk; George McKenney and Mrs. John W. Andrews, of this city; Mrs. W. H. Widgins, of Crewe, and Mrs. John Jarvis, of Hickory.

**Committed to Williamsburg.** Albert Johnson, a young white stranger, who has been in jail here for some days with the hope that some of his people might be communicated with, was this morning adjudged insane by a commission, and committed to the hospital at Williamsburg. The unfortunate man was taken up about 2 o'clock in the night a week ago, his mind evidently bent on homicide, though he was not armed. He boasted to the officer that he had just killed another man, and was waiting to kill another as soon as he should pass by. At the station house he could not tell his name or where he home is or anything about any relatives. Letters were found on his person addressed to "Albert Johnson," which is supposed to be his name, from points in Indiana, but efforts to communicate with the writers have met with no response. In the meantime the young man's condition grew so bad that it was found necessary to commit him to a hospital.

**Patron's Day at High School.** This afternoon was observed as patron's day at the Petersburg High School, and a large number of patrons

and friends of the school attended the exercises. The features of the occasion were the fine address of Dr. J. C. Metcalf, of Richmond College, and the presentation to the school of the new library, which opens with about 300 volumes.

### Personal and Otherwise.

This morning at 8:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's father, in Halifax Street, Miss Nannie W. Perkins, daughter of E. A. Perkins, and Robert S. Scarborough, of this city, were united in marriage by the Rev. W. T. A. Haynes, pastor of Wesley M. E. Church.

Harry M. Rogers, a well known citizen, was stricken with appendicitis yesterday afternoon, and was operated on at the Petersburg Hospital. He is getting on favorably.

John Mason, negro, who shot and killed Gertrude Smith, colored, last Friday evening, at her home near Stony Creek, and came to this city to make confession and surrender himself, was taken out to Sussex this morning for preliminary examination. Mason says he killed the woman because she abused him. She was killed in the presence of her children, and her husband found the body when he returned home from work.

## SANITARY CRUSADE IN RURAL SCHOOLS

Conditions Surrounding Children Show Marked Improvement Everywhere.

The sanitary crusade of the State Board of Health and the Department of Public Instruction is meeting with the hearty support of the county school authorities, and is bringing about a notable improvement in the sanitary condition of the rural schools, which is well reflected in reports filed yesterday by the inspectors of the two departments.

Officers of the State Board of Health have just returned from inspections in Gloucester and Albemarle Counties, and report the school authorities greatly interested in better sanitary arrangements for the comfort and health of the pupils. In Gloucester fifteen schools have recently been provided with sanitary outbuildings, and other schools will receive improvements in the next few months. In Albemarle County, the Civic League has provided medical inspection for the school children, and in planning an agitation which will give to every house in the community a sanitary outbuilding.

Reports by officers of the Department of Education are equally encouraging. Jackson Davis, Supervisor of Rural Elementary Schools, who is much interested in sanitation, has received notice that thirty-seven colored schools have installed sanitary outbuildings, while 192 have abolished the common drinking cup and require the pupils to use private cups. Additions to this list are being made weekly, and a general impetus to the movement is expected from the Health Day to be observed next February in the colored schools of twenty-two counties.

The most encouraging aspect of this great movement, said an officer of the Board of Health yesterday, "is the fact that these reforms are coming from the local authorities and are not being forced upon them in any sense. School trustees and teachers are alive to the fact that the progress of their pupils is more dependent upon their health than upon any other single factor. Those in charge realize, too, that the money spent in improving the sanitation of the schools saves the community from disease and renders more efficient the regular school work. They know that the community which confines its children for long hours in close, badly lighted and badly ventilated rooms is against the future. Aware of these facts, they are willing to do their utmost, and only ask for advice as to the best method of procedure. The next year will witness a veritable transformation in this respect."

## LAMKIN THOUGHT TO BE INSANE

Author of Threatening Letters Held for Examination by Commission.

Pending the result of examination by a lunacy commission, Marcus Lamkin, who wrote threatening letters to Governor Mann, Major Werner, Justice Crutchfield and High Constable Wyatt, in regard to an imaginary deposit to his credit in the Commonwealth Bank, will be detained in jail. The prisoner's statement before Justice Crutchfield yesterday morning in Police Court was so extraordinary that doubt is entertained of his sanity.

According to a statement made in Police Court, Lamkin prefers the society of negroes in the South to white people. When arrested by Detective Sergeant Willey and Kellam, he was living with a negro family at 2115 West Moore Street. He declared he is a native of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, but had traveled back and forth between Wisconsin and Virginia for the last twenty-five years. He is forty-three years old, and asserts that he is a carpenter, draughtsman, wheelwright and ditchdigger.

When called to account in Police Court for his various threatening letters, Lamkin made no effort to deny having been the author of the missives. He said that he had written the letter to Governor Mann, telling of his deposit in the Commonwealth Bank and his intention of having it back by force if necessary, "for lawful reasons." The justice could get no further satisfaction out of him. The two detectives making the arrest and John P. Owens, secretary to the Governor, gave testimony against Lamkin.

In a much-misapprehended letter, Lamkin wrote the Governor that he had \$10 in the Commonwealth Bank, which the officers refused to give him, and which he intended to have at all costs.

### Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to marry were issued yesterday from the clerk's office of the Hustings Court to the following persons: Frank M. Fernandez and Susan B. Hickey; Robert S. Moore and Edna V. Claborn; James S. Garry and Alma May Williams; Orla G. Toney and Marjorie Inez Pollard; John P. Ittner and Neva M. Camp; John P. Oliver and Lillie A. Pugh; George H. Spitz and Josephine A. Gierst.

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## DIG PLAYGROUND MEETING HERE

National Convention Invited to Come to Richmond Next May.

At a meeting of the Playgrounds Association of Richmond, held yesterday at the Business Men's Club, an invitation was extended to the Playground Association of America to hold its annual convention in Richmond in April or May next. John G. Corley, chairman of the convention committee of the Chamber of Commerce, has promised the aid of that body in securing the invitation, and since it has

been intimated that the association desires to lend its aid to the general playground movement in the Southeastern cities, it is believed that the meeting can be secured for Richmond. The convention, it was stated, would bring to Richmond between 500 and 1,000 delegates, most of whom are familiar with modern playground and recreation work. Among the features proposed is an exhibition of a model playground, in which trained playground supervisors will demonstrate how, by scientific arrangements, several hundred children may utilize a small space of ground in healthy outdoor sport.

Colonel Eugene C. Massie presided at the meeting yesterday, statements in regard to the proposed convention being made by Colonel Massie, L. McK. Judkins, Assistant Secretary of the National Association, and Roland Haynes, field secretary, who has taken an active part recently in extension of the playground movement in Richmond.

### A BOOK

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## ADDING MACHINE CASE POSTPONED

Argument on Application for Injunction Deferred in District Court to February 8.

Argument on the application of the Dalton Adding Machine Company, of Missouri, for an injunction against the State Corporation Commission to restrain it from compelling the Missouri company to take out a certificate of authority to do business in Virginia, was postponed yesterday in the United States District Court until February 8. The case had been fixed for a hearing yesterday.

Both sides reported that they were unprepared to proceed at once with the argument, and agreed to a postponement. Judges Waddill, Rose and Pritchard in conformity with the statute designating a special court consisting of three judges whenever an action is brought against a sovereign State were on hand to listen to the pleas when the case was called at 10 o'clock.

The difficulty grows out of a notification served upon the Dalton Adding Machine Company recently by the State Corporation Commission that it laid itself open to heavy fines unless it complied at once with the Virginia statute requiring a foreign corporation to secure a certificate of authority and pay stipulated corporation taxes before being permitted to transact business in this State.

The Missouri company filed a bill of complaint setting forth that the nature of its business in Virginia does not impose upon it the obligation to secure the authority claimed and that it transacts its business from its home office in Poplar Bluff Mo. Attorney-General Williams for the Corporation Commission filed a demurrer asserting that the company was not entitled to relief. The demurrer was temporarily vacated to permit argument on the application of the adding machine company for an injunction.

## LEVY GRATEFUL TO LOCAL DAUGHTERS

Owner of Monticello Thanks Richmond Chapter, U. D. C., for Anti-Littleton Resolution.

Richmond Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, is in receipt of a letter from Congressman Jefferson M. Levy, in which he expresses thanks for the recent action of the chapter in adopting a resolution declaring against the plan to acquire Monticello by congressional enactment, as proposed by Mrs. Martin Littleton, of New York.

The letter, which is addressed to Miss Adele Corling, corresponding secretary, of Richmond Chapter, reads: "Dear Miss: Your communication of recent date transmitting a copy of the resolution adopted by the Richmond Chapter, U. D. C., in relation to Monticello was received, for which accept my sincere thanks."

Monticello has been in my family for over eighty years, and during that period we have zealously guarded and protected it. Since I came into possession of the historic place I have spent large sums of money in restoring to their original setting many of the relics of the great American statesman, and I think I have demonstrated that I appreciated fully the importance of maintaining the place in keeping with the traditions of Jefferson. I have always felt that the ownership of Monticello entailed upon the owner more of a trust to impress upon the people the principles of the greatest commoner that ever lived, than mere ownership.

"Appreciating the action taken by your chapter, I remain,  
Very truly yours,  
(Signed) JEFFERSON M. LEVY.

Chamber Committee Meets To-Day.

The Chamber of Commerce committee in charge of arrangements for the proposed entertainment to Richmond traveling men who will be in the city for the holidays, will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock in room 88, Mutual Building, to adopt detailed plans. The committee was to have met at the same hour yesterday, but the inability of several members to be present caused postponement.

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